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**AGENDA**

**December 7th, 2016**

Call to Order:

Approval of Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes from November 9th, 2016 - Nancy
4. Treasurer’s Report: Kim Deniker
   1. $2,914.25 Currently in Checking
   2. $83.00 deposited for Membership for Jul-Sept 2016
   3. Report will be filed for audit

Officer Reports

1. President: *Michele Evans*
2. Membership: *Nancy Blaskewicz*
3. Corresponding Secretary: *Nancy Blaskewicz*
4. Literacy Advocacy Government Relations: *Heather Buchan*
   * KSRA Update

Committee Reports

1. Programs/meetings
   1. March 2017 meeting and program by Nancy will focus on dyslexia.
      1. (All meetings will be held at Wilmington Middle School)

b. Community Projects

c. International Project

* + 1. Possible donation: SHOW- Shared Hope For Orphans Worldwide.org
       - Brian Saunders, President.
       - Sponsor for children in Uganda, Africa to raise money for educational supplies

and books

* + - * 624 E. Main Street, Grove City, PA 16127 724-822-1960
      * E-mail: [brian@SharedHopeForOrphansWorldwide.org](mailto:brian@SharedHopeForOrphansWorldwide.org)
    1. Consideration for the *Caucasus Children’s Relief Fund*. Endorsed by author and paper engineer, Robert Sabuda. Our financial support will help to create a library full of books in the orphanage in the former Soviet republic of Georgia.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

* Act 48 Hours-Members will continue to sign in during the meeting. Kim will submit hours to Sandee Cechini for credit after each meeting.
  + - Each member in attendance is asked to complete an evaluation of the meeting in order to receive Act 45/48 hours. Signing in on the rosters is still required for those wanting Act 45/48 hours. Members should sign in for Act 48 hours.
    - All hours have been submitted and recorded as per Sandee Cechini.
  + Reminders for Members
    - International Project
      * ILA Membership or other idea.
    - Please nominate early for Awards for this year. Applications are available on Wikispaces.
    - Consider nominating someone for the:
      * Community Grant Award Due April 1st, 2017 for $100.00.
      * Celebrate Literacy Award Due April 1st , 2017
* Logo: Michele is now working with her art teacher at school to create another new logo and is working on developing it after ideas were submitted from the members. She will report back once she receives the final logo for approval of membership. A tree with books as branched and states the Council’s name.
* Charter: Nancy and Kim are working with Eric McDonald from the KSRA – IRA Liaison – to obtain a charter for the new BLM RC. There are issues with the restructure of the IRA and the EIN number that Kim is working with Eric on to resolve continues.
* Kim has filed all necessary paperwork/phone calls to the IRS to ensure the 990 is indeed current. Kim received paperwork that the 2014 990 was not filed and has also been filed and taken care of.
* Approved Council brochure: The logo is still being developed before we send this to print.
* The Council will conduct all current council business through Wikispace for public viewing. The account was accepted as an educational Wiki and will continue to be free of charge for the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

**\*** An invitation from the Armstrong Reading Council

* Meeting on Monday, December 16, 2016, 6-8 PM.
* Apollo Ridge High School
* Speaker Beth Ann McKean will present “Poverty, Literacy & the Brain”.
* RSVP: scecchini@apolloridge.com

ADJOURNMENT

***Today’s Program***

**Jennifer Toney**

**presents**

**“Teaching Tall Tales Elements through Graphic Novels”**

**\* Raffle - Robert Sabuda’s pop-up book, *America the Beautiful*.**